

REMARKS

By way of the instant amendment, rejected claims 1, 14 and 27 have been cancelled. Only claims 2-13, 15-26 and 28-45 remain for examination and these claims have been allowed.

The Examiner is AGAIN requested to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the priority document filed January 30, 2002.

The application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and an early indication of same is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

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